

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Your Board's approval to purchase an Infrared Support Vehicle will enhance the ability of the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County to receive downlink video and mapping data used to define wildland fire perimeters and any heat sources that may threaten structures or established control lines.

JUSTIFICATION:

The current 1977, ½ ton step van used for ground based infrared data processing is no longer capable of handling the increased weight of additional video downlink and map processing equipment. Purchase of an improved infrared support platform will dramatically increase reliability and address current workspace limitations, thereby, ensuring emergency response readiness and improve integration with other units assigned to an incident.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence and Public Safety through upgrades to equipment and support systems that provide for public safety and protection of property.

Specific Strategic Plan Goals supported with this purchase include Goal No. 2, Workforce Excellence: Enhance the quality and productivity of the County workforce; and Goal No. 8 Public Safety: Increase public safety and security of all residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The estimated cost of the new Infrared Support Vehicle, including taxes, will not exceed \$300,000. The Consolidated Fire Protection District's 2003-04 Adopted Budget includes sufficient funding for this purchase and maintenance costs will be funded within the existing budget. There is no impact on net County cost.

Approval of the "Appropriation Adjustment" is necessary to transfer funding from the District's Financing Elements Budget Unit to the Prevention Budget Unit for the purchase of the vehicle.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

Master Body Works Inc. is in compliance with all Board, Chief Administrative Office (CAO) and County Counsel requirements. The District will not require Master Body Works, Inc. to perform services, which will exceed the approved contract amount, scope of work and contract dates.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through and accomplished by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures, established by Internal Services Department.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

The Infrared Support Vehicle will provide fire command staff with information necessary to control wildland fires. This equipment will provide critical and urgent intelligence necessary to protect public health and safety.

CONCLUSION:

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, the Executive Office, Board of Supervisors is requested to return adopted copies of this letter to:

1. The Consolidated Fire Protection District
Materials Management Division
5801 S. Eastern Avenue, Suite 100
Commerce, CA 90040
Attention: James Ealey, Division Chief
2. Internal Services Department
Purchasing Division
1100 N. Eastern Avenue, Room 102
Los Angeles, CA 90063
Attention: Joe Sandoval, Division Manager

Respectfully submitted,



P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

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Attachment

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller